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TAGS: PINT, JM
SUBJECT: BACKGROUND TO MANLEY'S SELECTION OF ELECTION DATE

1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. EMBOFF HELD DISCUSSION OCTOBER 10 WITH JAMAICAN CLOSE TO ELECTORAL PROCESS. ACCORDING TO THIS SOURCE, PRIME MINISTER MANLEY EXERTED GREAT PRESURE OF GREAT PRESSURE ON ELECTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTE CHAIRMAN GALDSTONE MILLS AND DIRECTOR OF ELECTION CARL DUNDAS TO COMPLET VOTERS LIST IN TIME FOR LATE OCTOBER ELECTION DATE.

3. MANLEY MET WITH MILLS AND DUNDAS ON THURSDAY OCTOBER 2, AND PRESSED THEM TO GET THE LISTS PRINTED. ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 4. MILLS MET WITH THE PRINTERS INVOLVED APPEALED TO THEIR PATRIOTISM AND OFFERED A BONUS. HE CALLED THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE PNP CONFERENCE IN MONTEGO BAY THAT EVENING TO REPORT THAT THE PRINER HAD AGRRED TO EXPEDITE PRINTING THE LIST. ON SUNDAY MILLS INSPECTED THE PRINTING PROCESS ANF FOUND THE PRESSES HUMMING. HE PHONED MANLEY FORU TIMES THAT DAY. IT WAS NOT UNTIL FIVE IN THE AFTWRNOON THAT HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO ASSURE THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE PRINTING OF THE LISTS COULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR NOMINTION DAY TO BE SCHEDULED OCTOBER 14.

4. COMMENT: MANLEY'S PRESSURE ON MILLS DEMONSTRAES HIS DESIRE TO HOLD THE ELECTIONS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. ONLY A FEW HOURS NEFORE HE MADE HIS PUBLIC ADDRESS AT SAM SHARPE SQUARE. HE DID NOT KNOW FOR CERTAIN THAT HE COULD ANNOUNCE A ELECTION FOR OCTOBER 30. HE CHOSE THE MINIMAL PERIODL ALLOWED SIXTEEN DAYS BETWEEN NOMINATION DAY AND ELECTION DAY. HSI CONCERN OVER THE LIST ARISES FROM THE FACT THAT COPIES OF THE OFFICIAL LIST MUST BE PROVIDED TO ALL CANDIDATED BEFORE NOMINATION DAY. THE PNP CONFERENCE HAD LAREADY BEEN SELECTED BY MANLEY AS THE OCCASSION FOR ANNOUNCING THE DATE OF ELECTIONS AND HE DID NOT WANT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO JUST BECAUSE THE PRINTING OF THE LIST WAS GOING SLOWLY.
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